

## **In the Specification:**

Please make the following changes in the specification at the indicated locations:

Page 1, line 1, please delete “Description”.

Page 1, between line 3 and line 4 (between the title and the first line of the first paragraph), please insert the following:

### **CROSS-REFERENCES**

This is the U.S. National Stage of PCT/EP 2004/009794, filed September 2, 2004, in Europe, which, in turn, claims the benefit of priority of invention based on DE 103 51 842.8 filed November 6, 2003 in Germany. The foregoing International and German Patent Applications disclose substantially the same invention as disclosed and claimed herein below and provide the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a) to (d) for the invention claimed herein below.

### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 1, between the fourth and fifth paragraphs, (the fifth paragraph begins “The object...”), please insert the following:

### **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**